New Pension Scheme for Port Workers

170. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring in a new pension scheme for port workers, seafarers etc.;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government also plans to frame a policy on stevedoring; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Government introduced a new pension scheme based on defined contribution for new entrants recruited on or after 1.1.2004 for all employees of the Government and PSUs, autonomous bodies under the administrative control of different Central Ministries/Departments *vide* Gazette notification of 10th October, 2003. No further new scheme for grant of pension for port workers, seafarers etc. is under consideration.

(c) and (d) The Government plans to formulate National Maritime Policy covering various aspects of Ports, Shipping and Inland Water Transport. Among other things, stev-e-doring will also be covered in the said Policy. The Draft National Maritime Policy has already been placed on the website of Department of Shipping (www.shipping.nic.in) for inviting suggestions from various stakeholders. Meetings have also been held with various stakeholders including one interactive session at Mumbai.

Construction work on NH-57

†171. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the construction work of National Highway-57; and

(b) the target set by Government for completion of the construction work?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) NH-57 from km 0 to km 309 is proposed to be developed as a four lane facility as part of the East-West corridor under National Highways Development Project. Preparation of the Detailed Project Report of the section is in progress and likely to be completed before March 2005. The work is targeted to be awarded by June 2005 and completed by December 2007.

National Highways in Uttar Pradesh

172. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the sections of National Highways in Uttar Pradesh where widening work is presently going on;

(b) by when the work on these sections is likely to be completed, section-wise; and

(c) the sections of the National Highways in Uttar Pradesh where similar work is proposed to be taken up next?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The details of section-wise National Highways where widening work is going on in the State of Uttar Pradesh along with target/anticipated date of completion is enclosed in the statement (*See* below).

(c) Widening of remaining different section on the NHs may be considered depending upon traffic intensity, inter-se-priority and availability of funds.

Statement

Details of section-wise National Highways in Uttar Pradesh

Sl. No.	National Highway No.	Name of Section	Target/ Anticipated date of completion
1	2	3	4
1	2	Agra-Shikohabad Km. 199.66—Km. 250.50	Dec., 2005
2	2	Shikohabad-Etawah Km. 250.50—Km.307.50	Dec., 2006